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DAN RATHER: The Central Intelligence Agency has been denying for the past six months widespread reports that it was involved in any way with former CIA employees Edwin Wilson and Frank Terpil, who have been indicted for selling illegal explosives to Libya. But a former aide of Wilson's, who also has been indicted in that case, says he met on a regular basis with top US intelligence officials before, during, and after his involvement with Wilson and Libya.

CBS newsman Alan Pizzy talked about this in an exclusive interview with the former Wilson aide.

ALAN PIZZY: A gas station in suburban Virginia, and a village in Central Africa. For 38 year old Douglas Schlachter they represent the beginning and the end of his dealings with ex-CIA agent Edwin Wilson, the focal point of the Libyan connection.

Schlachter first met Wilson in 1971 at the Crossroads Texaco in Fairfax County where Schlachter serviced Wilson's car. He later became manager of Wilson's lavish farm in Upperville, Virginia, and in 1974 became involved in Wilson's business affairs, affairs that included meetings with top CIA officials, Thomas CLINE and Theodore Shackley, Air Force General Richard Secord, who headed the Military Assistance and Advisory Group in Iran, and with several others. Suddenly Schlachter had an assignment in Libya.

DOUGLAS SCHLACHTER: Some of the people I met would be Tom KALINES who I reported to all the time; Shackley, a man named Buddha, who is really -- his real name is Bob Ritchie. There is many people and most of the people were either CIA or naval intelligence that I was working with at the time, almost all